

IN THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A lighting unit comprising:

a light source;

a light guiding component for guiding light emitted from the light source to an object to be illuminated; and

a reflecting component configured to cover the light guiding component, wherein the reflecting component comprises a reflecting sheet configured to cover a surface of the light guiding component, and a hold sheet for holding the whole reflecting sheet ~~which is configured to cover the light guiding component covered with the reflecting sheet and to hold the reflecting sheet;~~ and

the reflecting sheet is interposed and held between the light guiding component and the hold sheet for holding the reflecting sheet such that the reflecting sheet is not fixed to the light guiding component and the hold sheet for holding the reflecting sheet.

2. (Original) The lighting unit according to Claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the hold sheet for holding the reflecting sheet is fixed to the light guiding component.

3. (Original) The lighting unit according to Claim 2, wherein at least a portion of the hold sheet for holding the reflecting sheet is fixed to a surface of the light guiding component.

4. (Original) The lighting unit according to Claim 1, wherein the hold sheet for holding the reflecting sheet is formed by a reflecting sheet.

5. (Original) The lighting unit according to Claim 1, wherein an electrically conductive sheet is disposed on a region of the hold sheet for holding the reflecting sheet which is configured to cover the light source, and configured to block an electromagnetic wave radiated from the light source.

6. (Original) The lighting unit according to Claim 5, wherein
the light guiding component is a light guiding plate;
the light source is disposed along an end face of the light guiding plate;
the reflecting sheet covers at least a rear surface of the light guiding plate;
the hold sheet for holding the reflecting sheet covers the rear surface of the light guiding plate covered with the reflecting sheet, the light source, and the end face of the light guiding plate; and
the electrically conductive sheet is disposed on a surface of the hold sheet for holding the reflecting sheet.

7. (Original) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a lighting unit according to Claim 1;
a liquid crystal panel disposed on a light emanating surface side of the lighting unit; and
a drive unit for driving the lighting unit and the liquid crystal panel.

8. (Currently Amended) The liquid crystal display device according to Claim 7 comprising[[:] the lighting unit according to Claim 5.

9. (New) The lighting unit according to Claim 1, wherein the hold sheet is configured to cover the light source.

10. (New) The lighting unit according to Claim 1, wherein the hold sheet is configured to have a thermal conductivity coefficient lower than that of the reflecting sheet.